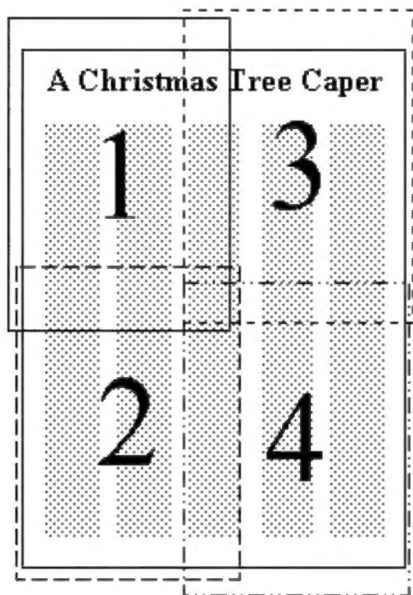


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TRY IT BUMP OUT



THREE-QUARTER MOON

By JACK RITCHIE

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"DID you know that Chinchillas have no fleas?" Henry asked. Elaine Barrett closed her eyes momentarily and sighed. That was just like Henry Wilson. Here they were walking on a campus bright with moonlight and Henry had to get on a subject like that.

"That's because their fur is so fine and closely spaced that there's no room for them," Henry explained.

Henry would probably graduate cum laude, Elaine reflected, but after all there are times when you ought to forget your education. At least that type of education.

"Isn't that a lovely full moon," Elaine said hopefully.

Henry's serious gray eyes dutifully took a look.

"Not quite a full moon," he said. "It's gibbous. Between half moon and full, with both ends convex."

Elaine stopped walking. Henry, with his eyes on the gibbous moon continued for 10 yards before he realized he was walking alone. He came back to Elaine.

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"Would it have made any difference?" Elaine asked sweetly.

Henry appeared faintly worried. "Is there anything wrong?"

"Yes," Elaine thought, "there is quite definitely something wrong. Not in the way you look, because you have broad shoulders and eyes that could make me quiver. But why don't you just try!"

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ball in Winter, and ran around a cinder track in the Spring. He also kept busy in the evenings and occasionally he studied.

"Well," he said, coming to a halt. "It looks like I arrived in the nick of time to prevent death by boredom."

Elaine looked at him. "You might be right."

"I bet you've been having a gay old time," Jimmy said to Henry.

Henry reddened slightly. "See here," he said. "I don't like your attitude."

It was the puzzle of Jimmy's life why a girl as pretty as Elaine could possibly date Henry while he himself was available. He suspected a deficiency in judgment.

Jimmy turned to Elaine. "Should I show Henry what I do on a night when we have a full moon?"

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However there were some things he understood instinctively. He had just such a feeling of understanding now, and he was not one to let an opportunity pass. He put his arm around Elaine's waist.

"I can see you've been having trouble, kid," he said.

Elaine allowed Jimmy's arm to remain where it was. She glanced expectantly at Henry.

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"Yes, why? There's something about Henry that—well, you know. I think it's affected your personality."

"I don't understand," Henry said.

"That's just the trouble," Elaine said. "You don't understand and I'm not the one who's going to tell you."

"I don't think there's anything wrong with Henry," he said. "My grandfather was named Henry. My father is named Henry. If I have any—" He changed course. "Millions of people are named Henry."

Henry thought about it. "Well, maybe not millions," he said, approaching the subject more reasonably. "Perhaps 50,000."

Elaine had a mad desire to kick him in the shins, and she might have. But Jimmy Harrison came swinging into view from a corner of the Phi Beta Kappa house, and she put away the temptation.

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"Henry," Jimmy said. "I hate to give away any trade secrets or startle you in any way, but watch closely and you'll see what a girl expects on an evening like this."

KISSING ELAINE DISAPPOINTS JIMMY

Both his arms went around Elaine and he kissed her soundly. At least to a spectator it looked like a sound kiss, but to Jimmy it was disappointing.

Not that Elaine resisted, not exactly. But it remained that she wasn't cooperating in the way that she should. Jimmy felt irritation seeping into him.

Henry tapped him on the shoulder. "I wouldn't do that," he said.

"I know you wouldn't," Jimmy snapped. "That's why I'm here."

He sought to reapply himself to the task, but was interrupted by the insistent tapping.

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He straightened his sweater and brushed off bits of grass. "All right," he said stiffly. He scowled at Henry. "But some day, just remember..."

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"I don't suppose he should have," Elaine said. "Do we have to walk so fast?"

Henry slowed down. "It was entirely uncalled for."

"If you say so," Elaine agreed. Henry stopped. "Nevertheless," he conceded. "He did what I've been thinking about doing for quite some time now."

He almost faltered, but then he remembered he had once been Spike. He took a deep breath.

Their lips met in a kiss that looked sound.

It was sound. Henry even forgot to think.

At last, by mutual agreement, they decided that it was not necessary to prolong one kiss for eternity. They could always start others.

"Did that compare with—" Henry checked himself.

"Superior," Elaine breathed. "Absolutely."

Henry looked up at the sky. "By George," he said. "You might be right. That does look like a full moon."

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A very natural question for a mother to ask would be, "But what fears? We don't do anything in our family to make Derek or little Diana fearful. Why did Derek have that spell of not wanting to have his feet hang over the edge of the bed a second after his slippers were off? And what fear could make Diana love her bedroom and be so orderly in the daytime, and yet beg not to undress there and not put her clothes away at night? We're so careful not to let our children use or hear anything that might frighten them, that I can't understand all this."

After years of being with chil- dren, I have found this simple fact to be true: In this world of ours you can't control everything your child will see and hear and read, and so logically, you can't keep away from him all fear-inspiring influences. In addition, you can't always know what will inspire fear

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G. R. Bronx.

While attending an open house celebration after a college play, I remarked to the hostess, a good friend of mine, that I was disap- pointed in the play, adding, "In fact, I thought it was terrible!" Because my remark was met by stares of my hostess, I turned around and saw the play's author, my English professor,

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